

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

December 4, 2006

CALL TO PODIUM:

Fredrick J. Felton
Assistant City Manager

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Frederick J. Felton
Assistant City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
X	Appointment (Reappointments)
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Resolution establishing a City of Gaithersburg Ad Hoc Election Participation Advisory Committee to Provide Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors of Elections on Methods to Improve Voter Turnout in City Elections and Confirming Appointments Made by the Mayor Thereto

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

During the November 6, 2006 meeting, the Mayor and City Council announced the creation of an Ad Hoc Election Participation Advisory Committee.

Four residents applied to serve on this committee, and Mayor Katz has requested that the appointments outlined in the attached resolution be confirmed.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Vote on Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITY OF GAITHERSBURG
AD HOC ELECTION PARTICIPATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS ON METHODS TO IMPROVE VOTER
TURNOUT IN CITY ELECTIONS AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
MADE BY THE MAYOR THERETO

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are concerned that less than ten percent of the eligible voters participated in the 2003 and 2005 Gaithersburg City elections; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is in the City's best interest to increase the percentage of residents who participate in City elections; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that it is desirable to appoint an advisory committee to work with staff and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors of Elections to increase voter turnout:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ad Hoc Election Participation Advisory Committee is hereby established to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and appointments by the Mayor of members thereto be and hereby are confirmed by the City Council as follows:

Appointments

Jud Ashman
46 Napa Valley Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

Cathy Drzyzgula
16 Walker Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Gail Norris
400 Woodland Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Josephine Wang
382 West Deer Park Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charge of this committee shall be to review information and data concerning the voter turnout for the 2003 and 2005 election, review best practices of other jurisdictions, and provide recommendations to improve the voter turnout for future elections to the Board of Supervisors of Elections by March 1, 2007.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 4th day of December, 2006.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing
Resolution was adopted by the City Council
in public meeting assembled on the 4th
day of December, 2006.

David B. Humpton, City Manager